

**ELEVENTH SITTING OF THE FOURTH
MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY THE 11TH APRIL, 2001.**

PRESENTS

PU R.LALAWIA, Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, 15 Ministers and 23 Members were present.

QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS entered in separate list to be asked and oral answers given.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

Pu H.RAMMAWI to present to the House the 11th and 12th Reports of Public Accounts Committee both relating to Power & Electricity Department.

DISCUSSION & VOTING ON DEMANDS

- (1) Pu F.MALSAWMA, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
- (2) Pu K.SANGTHUAMA, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

S P E A K E R : Let your speech always be gracious, season with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer every one.

(Colossians 4:6)

Now, we will take up question. Pu .Lalzirliana to ask Starred
Question No. 189.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister Local Administration Department be pleased to state –

- (a) The number of villages having its own village councils.
- (b) Name of the biggest Village Council with the figure of population.
- (c) Name of the smallest Village Council.
- (d) Whether Government of Mizoram approved those Village Councils.
- (e) Number of villages not having Village Council not approved by the Government of Mizoram as a village ?

PU H.VANLALAUVA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, answers to the Starred
MINISTER Questions raised by Pu R.Lalzirliana are as follows :-

- (a) There are 724 Villages having Village Councils of its own.
- (b) Serchhip is the biggest Village Council. Local Administration Department have not record of its population. It has 1737 houses having 5567 votes as per Village Council electoral roll.
- (c) Thaidawr, in the district of Mamit, including 15 houses and 39 votes as per Village Council electoral roll.
- (d) Yes, but complaint entered from three Village Council and it was referred to Village Council Election Tribunal. Two of them were settled and one is still left out.
- (e) There are 12 unrecognized villages which have not Village Council.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, how many houses in a
village could form a Village Council? We knew that two Village Councils complaint was settled and one is still left unsettled. Which Village Council is still left out unsettled?

At Chhinga Veng, Aizawl, three political parties of MNF-4, Congress - 3 and MPC - 3 were elected by the people. But MNF party could not form Village Council and the Village Council was not approved by the Government of Mizoram till date. Will it be approved the said Village Council immediately?

PU LALRINZUALA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, we know that twelve villages were set up as their own will. How will the Government of Mizoram treat them? Secondly, Government of Mizoram issued its ultimatum on 25.12.2000 against those villages to vacate their village. Did those villages vacate each of their village? Thirdly, Beraw village at Zemabawk make settlement as per Land Settlement Certificate of Revenue Department. But the Government of Mizoram give notification to vacate their village. How did the Government of Mizoram treat such villages?

PU VANLALHLANA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I feel that the Hon'ble Minister should have clarification about the criteria for setting up a village council, while some villages were selected to carry our Government policy. Will Government of Mizoram be pleased to give consideration in regards to formation of village council for those villages?

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, the hon'ble Minister informed the House that there was complaint for three village council Election. Out of the three, two village councils were settled and one is still left out. What is the reason? Secondly, what is the present remunerations of the Members of village councils? Whether there is any intention to increase those remunerations?

PU J.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, how many village councils were dissolved by the Government after 1999 villages councils election ? Secondly, it is said that Mizoram has 724 villages. Does it includes Chhimtuipui undivided areas ?

PU H. LALTANPUJA : Pu Speaker, how far the remunerations of members of Village Councils were given ? And for how many months are still left unpaid ?

PU K.L. LIANCHIA : Pu Speaker, after the formation of village council whether District Local Administrative Officer has authority to summon members of Village Council and right to reform such Village Council without submitting any resignation by any member ?

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu H.Vanlalaauva to give answer the supplementary questions.

PU H. VANLALAUVA : Pu Speaker, regarding ciriteria for setting up of Village Council, Government of Mizoram has no rule properly. The former Government adopted 30 houses. But we, adopted 50 houses as provided by the rule. While some villages have not more than 30 or 50 houses, but we accept them as village. And the village council which is not approved till date is Chhinga Veng village council. Because the number of total votes polled recorded by Returning Officer and the total number of votes of candidates is different form each other. The number of total votes obtained by the candidates is higher by more than 400 votes than the votes polled recorded by the Returning Officer. It is therefore unacceptable and cannot be approved by the concerned Minister.

And the names of villages not approved by the Government of Mizoram are Tuikhurhlu, Beraw lui, Sesawng, Mualmam, Tuirial (Khawruhlian Road), Phaibawkkawn, Sairang (Buichali), Sairang (Ginger khawl bul), Dawngzawl, Rangtla kawng, Dartua Veng, Melthum and Hualngo hmun. Beraw is a branch village of Zemabawk and Phunchawng was given a village Sub-Committee. Accordingly these two village are excluded and are unapproved villages. Government of Mizoram issued notification to vacate these villages. But a number of suggestions entered from Members and Ministers. Eventually, no action is taken till date for revision.

Regarding supplementary question raised by Pu Vanlalhlana, I think the criteria is clear from the above answer. But about special permission of village for rearing mithun or cattle, the matter is in the Cabinet memorandum.

As regards complaint in connection with Village Council election. - In some area the complain is due to difference in polled votes and the number of population whereas in some areas, it is due to outbreak of violence and also due to intimidation..

Regarding the remuneration of members of village councils, government of Mizoram had desire to increase it. But due to financial paucity it is not increased till date. The present position of remuneration is Village Council President – Rs.300/- Vice President – Rs. 250/-, Secretary – Rs.200/- Members – Rs.150/- and Tiangau (Village crier) – Rs. 125/- per month.

And there are fourteen village councils dissolved by the Government after Village Council election on 16th December, 1999. And 724 villages included Chhimtuipui undivided area.

Regarding supplementary question asked by Pu H.Laltanpuia, the remuneration of the members of Village Council is proposed to be given since the last month.

But answer to the supplementary question raised by Pu K.L. Lianchia is 'No'.

PU K.L. LIANCHIA : Pu Speaker, only a Supplementary question, District Local Administrative Officer had made commitment before. Will the hon'ble Minister be pleased to take action against the District Local Administrative Officer ?

PU H.VANLALAUVA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, Government did not know about it. As the hon'ble Member said in the house, we will enquire the matter and take necessary action.

S P E A K E R : Now, we will take up starred question No. 190 Pu L.N. Tluanga to ask it.

PU L.N. TLUANGA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister, Food and Civil Supplies Department be pleased to state – Profits of Food and Civil Supplies Department from the balance sheet of 1998 – 1999, 1999- 2000 and 2000- 2001 ?

PU AICHHINGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the balance sheet proforma of the said years are under reparation. Consequently, no profit or loss is not known.

PU L.N. TLUANGA : Hon'ble Speaker sir, the hon'ble Minister informed the House that Supply Department profits Rs.14 crores within 9 months in his statement on 29th November, 1999, and he added that it was a great achievement by the Government, I was proud of him and congratulated him. But when I enquired the matter and as in a writ petition Civil No. 59 2000 concerning Supply Department. I found that crores of rupees is lost in the financial ending between 1992-1999. How can the hon'ble minister said that they profit by Rs. 14/- crores within nine months only.

PU H. LALTANPUIA : Pu Speaker, the profit is cleared from the statement of the hon'ble Minister, where is the profit ?

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu Aichhinga to give answer to the questions.

PU AICHHINGA : Pu Speaker, I think that the question is a must. Balance sheet is not properly prepared by the department in the past years. It was prepared from 1987 when State Government came into existence. Balance sheet of 1997-1998 has been already prepared and 1998 - 2001 is being prepared. That is why I cannot give the answer now.

And we had improved the system during 1999-2000. During this year, profit is Rs. 17.07 crores. As we had run this department on loss for many years, we are very proud to make profit. During the year 1999-2000, total expenditure is Rs.8437.96 lakhs, the total recovery is Rs.10145.36 lakhs. Then total earning is Rs.1707.40 lakhs. This earning is done through the earnestness of Officers and staff of Supply Department. If it comes as balance sheet, it should be done from the beginning of State Government. Consequently, answer cannot be given only for this financial year.

PU H.LALTANPUIA : Hon'ble Speaker sir, Food and Civil Supply Department is said to be run on the basis of 'no profit no loss'. How can this Department earns such amount of money ? Is it also that BPL rice is sold at the same market rate ?

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, what I would like to ask is that , will this department carry on to have profits in the coming years ?

PU AICHHINGA : Pu Speaker, I will give answer to the former question raised by Pu H.Laltanpuia. Supply Department draws some amount of money from Government and submitted all sale proceeds to the Treasury. Accordingly, the sale proceed submitted to the Treasury is higher than the expenditure drawn from the Government. And some sale proceeds may not be directly submitted to the treasury, the Supply Inspector or Store Keeper may keep it in hand. The Officers earnestly collected such sale proceeds. As a result, the recovery is higher than the expenditure by more than 17 crores during the said year. During this financial year 2000-2001 too, we expect Rs. 2 cores to be our earning.

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu R.Lalzirliana to ask starred question No. 191.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister Local Administration Department be pleased to state (a) Whether Rs.11/- crores issued for salaries of Education Department from LIC Housing Loan to be issued on 2000 ?

(b) If so, how will you make such recovery ?

- PU H. VANLALAUVA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answers to the above questions are -
(a) No. (b) Need not to answer.
- PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, may be I was day
dreaming for I thought that the
hon'ble Minister was talking of issuing Rs.110 crores
of LIC loan for salary of teachers.
- S P E A K E R : Pu C. Sangzuala, to ask starred
question No. 192.
- PU C. SANGZUALA : Hon'ble Speaker sir, will the Hon'ble
Minister, Labour & Employment
be pleased to state- (a) Whether there is increase in
the stipend and book grant of ITI trainees ?
(b) If so, how many ? how many trainees are to be given ?
- PU K.SANGTHUAMA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to Pu C.Sangzuala's
starred questions are - (a) Yes, with
effect from 15.5.2000. (b) The rate of book
grant used to be Rs.300/- per trainee. The new rate is Rs.1000/- per trainee. And the old stipend
rate is Rs.250/- per month for a trainee. While the new rate is Rs.500/- per month.
- PU Z.H.ROPUIA : LSC is issued to a person within ITI Lunglei
area. The concerned Minister had laid a
foundation stone. How far step is taken against the matter ?
- PU K.SANGTHUAMA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to the supplementary
question raised by the hon'ble Member is that
we are going to set up ITI both at Lunglei and
Saiha. We sent officer to clear funds from the authority at the Central. The project and planning is
to be done by NECON. After that, the work will be started.
- S P E A K E R : Pu R.Lalzirliana to ask Starred Question
No. 193.
- PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister Food
and Civil Supply Department be pleased to
state - Why did written test and personal
interview result for the posts of Store Keeper and Inspector under Food and Civil Supply Depart-
ment is not out till date ?
- PU AICHHINGA
MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker sir, answer to the said
question is that Government of Mizoram does
not make sanction for filling up the said vacant
posts.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, supplementary question. Regarding the written test of inspector of Supply, a Director of Food and Civil Supply checked the answer papers and awarded a very high marks to his close relative unlikely to complete by any other candidates in the personal interview. Eventually, I feel that it is needed to cancel this written test. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to note down the matter for the house Committee may examine the answer paper. I therefore request to think deeply about it.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, is it true that the post of Supply Inspector in Food and Civil Supply Department have not been really filled up as stated by the hon'ble Minister? Have not 2 officiating Inspectors been appointed to fill up the said two vacant posts. Please kindly clarify this?

PU LALRINZUALA : Pu Speaker, does the department conduct the said written test for the posts of Inspector without having sanction for filling the post? If so, will the government be pleased to repay loses incurred by the candidates for the said exam?

PU AICHHINGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, Government of Mizoram did not know the Director had given high mark in written test to his relative candidate. Any how, I think that there will be DPC. We will see the matter later on.

And the posts of Inspector of Supply is really lying vacant. The written test is conducted for filling up the posts. But we could not fill up those posts due to financial constraint. But due to inadequacy of staffs, the two officiating Inspectors are made permanent automatically.

PU L.N. TLUANGA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister Food and Civil Supply be pleased to state Starred question No. 194 - (a) The report of exact quantity of damaged rice from each centre during 1999-2000? (b) The value of rice in cash. (c) The quantity of damaged rice written off by the Government. (d) If so, the value in cash.

PU AICHHINGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to the above starred questions are - (a) The report of exact quantity of damaged rice from each centre during the year 1999-2000 is 50113.14 quintals. But, on closer scrutiny it has come to 6825.38 quintals. The shortage is 4468.80 quintals.

(b) The value of damaged rice is Rs.80,53,948.40 at the rate of Rs.1180 per quintals while shortage is Rs.52,73,184/- at the rate of Rs.1180 per quintals.

(c) 123 quintals is written off during the year 2000-2001, but no write off is made during the year 1999-2000 as it is ready to sift with a siere and be ready for write off the shortage.

(d) Eventually, no value of shortage is worked out till date.

S P E A K E R : Question hour comes to an end. Let us call upon Pu H.Rammawi to present Public Accounts Committee Report to the House.

- PU H.RAMMAWI : Hon'ble Speaker sir, with your kind permission, I present the 11th and 12th Reports of Public Accounts Committee to this august House.
- S P E A K E R : The copies be laid on the table of the House. It is very pleasing that Public Accounts Committee can present its reports from time to time. Now, we will have discussion and voting of demand. The demands made by Pu F.Malsawma and Pu K.Sangthuama will be taken at a time. Now let us call upon Pu F.Malsawma to submit his demands to the House.
- PU F.MALSAWMA : Thank you, Hon'ble Speaker
MINISTER Sir on the recommendation of Governor of Mizoram and with your permission sir, I move the demand No. 4, 12, 22, and 51 for Rs. 153,89,19,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2001-2002 in respect of the following departments. Demand No. 4 Administration of justice Rs. 28,95,900/- demand No. 12 Secretariat Administration Department Rs. 19 lakhs, Demand No. 22 School Education Rs. 148,54,40,000/- Demand No. 51 Tourism Rs. 22,62,400/- Total Rs. 15,58,91,900/- only. Thank you sir.
- S P E A K E R : Now, Pu K.Sangthuama to submit his demands.
- PU LALHMINGTHANGA : It appears that Parliamentary Affairs is Pu F.Malsawma's portfolio, but it is not pointed out in his moving of demand. While Parliamentary Affairs is not included in any other demands. Is it not it to be appear in the budget discussion? If not so it is difficult to have understanding.
- PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, I too have
MINISTER confusion about it. It appear that it is not clear enough.
- PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, I request the hon'ble Minister to explain about it. I feel that it is not moved as Secretariat Administration Department in any other years as it is important especially to the House as it concern all Legislature affairs. I therefore, request the House to make corrigendum about the matter.
- S P E A K E R : This matter was issued at bulletin Part-II No.121 on 28th March, which was sent to the Hon'ble Member. We too were little confuse about it. We will do it more carefully than before. I will read out the Bulletin Part-II - "The word Parliamentary Affairs only" may be inserted after the word Secretariat Administration Department against Demand No. 12. The Bulletin explained about it.
- PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Pu Speaker, we have an Order of Minister's portfolio. It is looked after by Pu F.Malsawma. Does the government change the portfolio?

S P E A K E R : No change is made about it. The mistaken is found only when budget is laid on the Table of the House and we prepared corrigendum for it. I will read out the wording of the corrigendum – “ There have been some printing mistake and omission in the demand for voting in respect of the following Minister’s demands and corrections have been made as shown against each ”.

1. Pu Zoramthanga, Chief Minister Budget Book page No. shown as 1 & 2 a g a i n s t demand No. 1 may be read as 1 – 3.

2. Pu Tawnluia, Minister Public Health Engineering Department etc. Budget Book page No. shown as 158 – 160 against Demand No. 27 read as 150 – 166.

3. Pu F.Malsawma, Minister Education etc. The word parliamentary Affairs Department only may be inserted after the word Secretariat Administration Department against demand No. 12.

4. Pu Lalchamlia, Minister, Taxation etc. Budget Book Page No. shown as 257 – 264 against demand No. 8 may be read as 29 – 30.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, we now know that there is a corrigendum made, but the hon’ble Minister did not move his demands pointing out the corrigendum. It appears that there is technical lapse. That is to say point of order. 326 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business of the Mizoram Legislative provides that the Members can point out such matter. That is why, I pray you to amend that point in order to keep the privilege and dignity of the House.

S P E A K E R : Corrigendum is needed to serve when mistake is committed after Governor’s recommendation. We regarded that to be understood by the hon’ble Members. Rule based by Pu Lahmingthanga regarding point of order is not 326 it is 328.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, it is clear in the book. I mean that 328 at page No. 135.

S P E A K E R : You had mistaken in pointing out the rules even yesterday. It is well to point out the rules but it must be correct.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker. I do request the hon’ble Minister to move again his demands.

S P E A K E R : The Minister begged the House to pass the amount in his demands. All members were informed through corrigendum. Let us accept it.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Speaker, Parliamentary Affairs Department is included under demand No. 12 of Secretariat Administration Department. Accordingly the hon'ble Minister should move it as such. In this regard I feel that the Opposition member meant that Parliamentary Affairs Department should be provided a separate head in the demand in the future.

S P E A K E R : That is right. As it is an unintentional mistake, we must have good understanding of each other. That is why corrigendum was issued.

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the matter is clear in the corrigendum with the number of demand. I think that it is better to do as your own suggestion.

S P E A K E R : Yes, it is pleasing that hon'ble opposition members too have such understanding. The other Minister too could have mistaken the subject. Hence, points of order is commonly applied in this House. The opposition Leader pointed out the number of rules. It should be pointed out the number of rules whether it is the Rules of Procedure or the Constitution of India. When the House is thought to be misled by the Speaker, the hon'ble member may raise points of order, which is provided in Rule 328 of the rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business of the Legislative Assembly.

And we used to have points of clarification. This is not written in the Rules of Procedure. But we commonly apply it on ground of mutual understanding.

And document is presented to the house yesterday. If document is presented to the House, the concerned Member should authenticate the document.

Now we will carry on our Business, we will call upon Pu K.Sangthuama to submit his demands to the House.

PU K.SANGTHUAMA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the demand No. 32 and 50 of Rs. 16,75,72,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2001 – 2002 in respect of the following departments ; Demand No. 32 Labour and Employment Rs. 2,32,60,000/- Demand No. 50 Roads and Water Transport , Rs. 14,43,12,000/- Total Rs. 16,75,72,000/- Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, Pu K. Sangthuama had submitted his demands amounting to Rs. 16,75,72,000/- of demand No. 32 and 50 to the House. The demands submitted by the two Members will be discussed at the same time. Ten minutes will be allotted to each members. Pu Vanlalhlana will speak about it now.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, I would like to start from Road and Water transport. Government of Mizoram now collected parking fee to increase Government revenue. What I want to point out is that the government used to select collector who is not the higher bidder. I feel that such partial administration is not to be prevailed.

And demand No. 32, Employment. No provision is made for more employment orientation. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to explain about it.

I am very sorry to note that the head of parliamentary Affairs is not appeared in the budget. The consultative Committee on Parliamentary Affairs had already passed that the Members of Ex-MDC will have pension benefit of Rs. 4000/- and Rs. 2500/- for family. It is to be passed by making amendment. They are eagerly waiting for such benefits. I therefore point out about this on behalf of the families of the Ex-MDCs.

And demand No. 22 Education, Mizoram has the second highest literacy rate in India. We are next to Kerela State, we once hold the first position in India for a period of one year, but becomes to the second position in the next year permanently. I feel that it is the most important department of all. It is the foundation stone for the development and upliftment of the nation. The advanced countries used to give importance to education. They used to provide more than 30 % of the total budget for Education Department. The Kerela State which has first position in India too provided more than 30% of their budget for education.

If we study our budget, we will see that it was provided less than 10% of the total budget last year. Now, it is provided just above 10% only. I feel that importance is to be given to the Education for upliftment of the country. Budget provision for Education Department is only seven months salary for deficit Middle School Teachers, ten months only both High School and Higher Secondary School Teachers and eight months salary for Teachers of deficit Higher Secondary School, 4 months salary for deficit High Schools. I feel that it is unworthy to pass as he could not demand even for a single year salary for such School Teachers.

And next to this, I would like to point out that our exam system is the most system mostly abandoned in Indian in the elementary education. I feel that it is good to abandon such exam orientation system as students seemed to concentrate only on passing examination.

Secondly, I want to inform the House that enrollment of pupils at Primary School level is enormously reduced in Aizawl. It seems that educational staffs and teachers themselves found our system not to be good enough for their children. This is a very serious case. I feel that the Government should have revision of its educational policy as well as the school syllabus.

Thirdly, I want to point out the difference in number of teachers deployed in various primary schools. 38 Primary Schools of Aizawl have 8 teachers each while 62 Schools in the remote area have only one teacher each, and 202 schools have only 2 teachers each. I feel that it is to be deployed equally. The concerned Minister too should bravely divide those teachers equally.

Next to this, I would like to say that there are many Middle Schools and High Schools without Headmasters. This caused a serious difficulty in School administration. As a result of this, good result cannot be expected.

Lastly, I want to say that a number of Schools have no Hindi Teacher while two Hindi teachers each were deployed in Aizawl Schools. I feel that it is also required to distribute equally such Hindi Teachers to our Schools.

Thank you.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA

: Thank you, Hon'ble Speaker. First of all, I would like to point out about demand No. 22 School Education. Education is regarded

as the backbone of our society. But if we see budgetary provision, no priority is given to it. If we see the conditions of Southern Schools, they were very much sympathetic. Of which, Tlabung constituency is the most background area. It has 34 Primary Schools with 62 teachers only.

And in answering my starred question, the hon'ble Minister said that no school is known to be without teacher. Pu Spaker, no doubt there are some schools which have no teacher. Kawrpuichhuah, sumasumi and Tuikawi have not teacher at all. There are some pupils but no teacher. I therefore, request the hon'ble Minister to see the condition at the spot and teacher be posted to those villages.

Last week, I visited my constituency, one teacher from my village is transferred to Kawrpuichhuah. That means, pupils will lose one year chance due to absence of teacher. Who will take up responsibility for this school? I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to rectify this.

Secondly, in answering to my question relating to residential institution, the hon'ble Minister said that he had not received Rs. 1 crore advance. Here is document. Everything is clear. It is clear that Rs.1 crore advance was released during 1997-1998 and it may be transferred to tribal welfare education and residential institute, Lunglei. We have the letter written by the Ministry to the State Government for transfer of the money to the society. Hence, I request the Minister to clarify this when he wind up.

Answering to the question raised by group leader and I, he said that it is not known a village which has no Primary School. But sir, Mauzam, Malsuri, Hmundo, Sumasumi, Hmunthar, Mautlang and Ughaidasuri have no Primary School at all. Those villages are recognized by the Government as within Tlabung Constituency. I therefore, request him to open Primary Schools at those villages.

Coming to demand no 52 road and water transport, previously during the Congress Ministry, there is a regular MST Bus service from Lunglei to Tlabung, but now no service of MST Buses. I therefore, request the hon'ble Minister to provide MST Bus service between the two towns. Regarding water transport, I would like to request the concerned Minister to introduce water transport in Tlabung constituency. There is feasibility.

And tourism Department which is demand No. 51. It appears that Rs. 17,60,950/- was spent for construction of Tourist Lodge at Tlabung as said by the hon'ble Minister. But I did not find such tourist lodge at Tlabung. But only the posts and beams stand. I therefore request the hon'ble Minister to clarify the matter.

Coming to demand No. 4 Administration of justice, the Hon'ble Minister, Prison said that sub-jail at Tlabung will function very soon. But now, ADC takes charge of SDO, but he is not yet provided 1st Class Magisterial power. So, how will justice be settled. I therefore request the hon'ble Minister to look into the matter.

Thank you.

PU J.LALTHANGLIANA

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Pu Speaker, I would like to speak about School Education as it concerns the future generation of our nation. As the hon'ble

Member said just before demand for salaries of teachers is too little which I think caused lack of enthusiasm on their parts. It is necessary to take steps to loost up their incentive as they are our only asset for development of human resources.

We have no large scale Industry nor insfrustrature, it is required to give better motivation to the youths in Education. If we see the latest HSSLC Examination Results, only 19% of candidates from Arts passed it. I feel that the Hon'ble Chief Minister would give it priority but it is not so as appeared in his budget speech. In fact, some schools have not students to be taught.

And I do appreciate the examination system of MBSE. It is very fair at any time, though I have a great fear that the autonomy of the MBSE would be broken. Now, the presidency of the Board is left to the charge of the Senior Officer of Government. If a Government servant has authority at the Board, I am afraid that the autonomy of MBSE will be destroyed.

And I think that there is a hidden agenda to move our education system to accord and follow the CBSE. As we know, we hold the second best literacy rate in India as we adopted our education system in accordance with the social, religious and customary law. But now, it appears that there is saffronisation policy in the State Government. It is declared that class IX and Class X will follow CBSE syllabus. I therefore, request the hon'ble Minister to clarify about it. And I am very sorry for our school calendar has been altered. It causes many difficulties to our society, Religion and the parents. I also want to point out that the ACBs have been investigating the staffs of education. I am really afraid that the education will suffer a serious set back. I think that if this department is suspected to practice corruption, serious set back will be a must.

And I feel that it is good to have privatization of Government vehicles as it is too expensive.

Lastly, I want to point out Tourism as it is so important for the State. But, I feel that it is not given importance. I therefore, request the hon'ble Minister to give more importance to it. Thank you.

PU Z.H. ROPUIA
MINISTER

: Thank you, hon'ble Speaker sir. First of all I would like to point out Demand No. 22 Education Department. It is the beautification of our State as we have the highest literacy rate in India. But now, becomes the second position. We knew that financial inadequacy causes a serious difficulty to the department and dizziness to the concerned Minister. Priority should therefore be given to it for it is the greatest race in the world. But we should remember that this department has a serious problem for a very small villages located here and there in the posting of Teachers. I therefore, feel that Government too should constitute its promoters. I desire that all of us understand the problems faced by the department. And what I would like to point out is that our quality of education should be promoted rather than aiming high rate of literacy and I want everyone to give more attention to the betterment of education in Mizoram.

And we visited the southern and south western part of district council area and had seen literacy data. It is very poor. It is 13% only. This reduced our literacy rate. I feel that it is required to have mind to improve the situation. The people of Chakma area demanded mizo Subject to be introduced in that area. The authority of the district council requested the hon'ble Minister of District Council Affairs to take initiative.

And the hon'ble Member too said that some villages of his constituency have not teacher. In fact, some of them do not set up village properly. Three or four families inhabited some area here and there. It appears that the make habitation where they have their jhum cultivation.

Coming to Tourism Department. There are many buildings completed but not fit for lodging at different places. Some of them were nearly ruined. If such buildings are maintain to fit for lodging it will be very grateful.

And next to this Labour and Employment. The importance of this department is to be know for all of us. We have more and more educated youths. I know that this department is running for registering and calling agency only. I feel that it is needed to set up a training centre regarding how to promote Company and Cooperative Society or for employment oriented in Company or Society in other States. The education unemployment problem causes hardship in different angle. I therefore, feel it is needed to improve employment department in such ways. Thank you.

PU H.LALTANPUIA

: Thank you, hon'ble Speaker for we have discussion of education department. It appears that all of us gave importance to it. I myself, submitted resolution No. 3 for it is so important. I am very sorry we have no chance for discussion of the resolution.

And we used to say human capital formation, which is very important. The Central government too called it human resource department. Even the advanced countries compulsorily included human capital formation when the economic policy and economic system is planned. I therefore, feel that Government of Mizoram too should give importance to it. While, the demand made by the education Minister for salaries of teachers is too inadequate, Some of them are demanded for four months only. I feel that the treasury bench is not worthy to speak the importance of education department.

And the Hon'ble Minister, Education informed the house that English subject will be a compulsory subject from Primary School level. It is very thankful as it is the most common communication between Mizos and Foreigners. While, I feel that the present teachers will not be able to teach the pupils. I think that it is needed to shuffle our teachers.

And I would like to point out demand No. 4 Administration of justice. I think that most of us have want to separate judiciary from Executive. It is usually spoken in the intellectual circle too. That is why, judiciary be separated from Executive, for, we may have the real administration of justice. If not so, justice can never be attained in the Society.

Lastly, regarding unemployment problem, I want to point out that the hon'ble Chief Minister, the then Finance Minister had no suggestion for employment oriented programme from his financial statement. While the hon'ble Minister, Labour and Employment said that government of Mizoram will seek convenience for employment of the educated unemployees at different places. Now, one year had passed away. What are the steps taken by the Government in such cases ?

Thank you.

COL. LALCHUNGNUNGA SAILO

: Pu Speaker, I will start from Labour and Employment Demand No. 32. This department is not commonly known by all. Although it is a small department but it has started to be known. The youths of educated or uneducated seek employment but not have success. This department stands for such purposes. It is under directorate from 1980, but not given importance by the government. A director looks after the department but only one officer to support the director, which is Deputy Director. The post of Director is MCS cadre but it is changed now and then. As such, no work can be run properly. And we have four District Employment Exchange offices. I feel that it is good to have State Employment Exchange office. If so, it will be better for the staffs as well as the educated unemployed youths.

And I would like to point out that the promotion avenue is very very bad in this office. No staff has promotion within 15 - 18 years. But if we have State Employment Exchange promotion avenue will be improved automatically. And I would like to request MCS Officers to share Director post with officers of Employment Exchange which will widen promotion avenue for the other staffs. I also request the concerned Minister to take step in such ways.

And I want to say that Coaching and guidance centre for Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribes is not known to us. The duty of this Guidance Centre is to collect details of employment opportunity from the Central and to import the information to unemployed youths. But it seemed that the venue is not properly exploited. They were confined to a small room. A few years ago, there is proposal to set up separate office for Information call from Employment Exchange but not successful. If we could provide separate office for them, I think they would function as the work assigned to them.

Before Employment Officer is posted at Champhai. But now District Employment Exchange is opened. While, no District Employment Officer is not posted nor was the said officer promoted to District Employment Officer. In this way, Government of Mizoram gave step mother's treatment to Champhai District Employment Exchange. I therefore feel that the Government should give attention to this office so that it may function as it should with staffing and office procedure.

And speaking in regards to Tourism Department at Demand No. 51, what I want to say is that Government has a lot to do. It appears that the main problem of the department is fund. But I feel that fund can be generated through tourism. As we know, we have an airport, tourists of other State and Foreign tourist may come to visit Mizoram now and then, we are in want of attractive place, entertainments etc. Eventually, I feel that it is good to construct picnic spot etc. for the tourists as well as for the youths of the State which may reduce drugs abuses among them.

Besides these, a number of tourist lodge is constructed without proper completion, I feel that it is required to maintain them as needed for better convenience of the tourists.

Thank you.

PU K.L. LIANCHIA : Pu Speaker, I will directly speak about School Education. Press release is called for inadequacy of funds for salaries of teachers.

Not only that, office expenses and other charges too is very little. It is about Rs.9.25 for one month for one Primary School, while Rs.445/- is provided for one High School for a month. I think the reason is due to paucity of fund at Government level not because the department makes provision as they want. I am surprised that office expenses and other charges is sanctioned as per the level of School. While lower Schools have more classes and pupils, All office expenses are the same for all institutions whether it is high or lower. I therefore, have suggestion to distribute fund to all institution especially in Schools equally. Not only that, but also building grant is different from one to another in accordance with the level of Schools. A small amount of Rupees is sanctioned to Primary School. Which the amount of building grant for Middle School is higher and so on. I feel that building grant allotted to Primary School should not be lesser than higher Schools for, Primary Schools have more classes than those higher Schools.

And regarding the posting of primary School teachers, the Hon'ble Members said that there are surplus teachers in Aizawl Primary Schools, while 60 Primary Schools have only one teacher. I think that it is needed to divide teachers to Primary Schools equally. If such transferred teachers do not want to joint their posts, let them sent representative teacher earning Rs. 3000/- or Rs.4000/- per month from local village. I think each village has educated unemployed. For all these things, we should not condemn the concerned Minister as this system prevailed from many years ago. I therefore earnestly request the Hon'ble Minister to think the matters deeply and take necessary action.

And a teacher of Samtlang Middle School was transferred to Khawhai Middle School on 10th November, 1999 but he did not joint his post. Then, he was suspended on 28th November, 2000. But it is settled for him to draw his salary for such dates of suspension. But this teacher was re-instated in March, 2001. What I want to say is that it is profitable to employ another person earning Rs.3000/-

And a B.Sc. teacher of Khawhai Government High School was transferred to Khumtung. But no Science teacher is posted till date. I therefore, request the hon'ble Minister to note down the matter and take necessary action.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, we will have a break and start again our discussion at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Thank you, Hon'ble Speaker Sir, First of all I would like to point out about the recommendation made by the Consultative Committee relating to pension benefit for the defunct MDC and their family. Rs. 4000/- is recommended for MDC and Rs. 2500/- for family of MDC. As we know, salaries of MLAs and Government servants have now increased. I feel that it is needed to give an importance to it. I therefore request the Treasury bench to take step for the success of the recommendations.

And I had been raising starred question about the total budget provision for Education department with its deficit during 1997-2001 year wise. I was answered that the answer is not found. I wonder as to why this department could not supply to this question. I think there will be an answer in written of typed form. I would like to request the concerned Minister to clarify about it. Anyhow, if they could not supply such answer, we can not neglect them as they were the ones who look after our children, hence provision has to be made for their salaries. In this regard I want to say that Government of Mizoram informed us to open new Primary School at Keifang. Consequently, the school is opened. School building and materials were collected on voluntary. Only teacher is supplied to the School. But no grant is sanctioned for the School till date. Pu Speaker, I feel that it is worthy to give priority to this Primary School.

Inadequacy of budget provision for salaries of teacher was mentioned. I feel that the reason is because the hon'ble Chief Minister did not give priority to it. If he gave priority, no department will envy this department. I have sympathy for the concerned Minister to request the House to pass such inadequate demand. And I also want to point out that 10+2 result is very bad. It appears that the reason for such bad result is poor salaries of teacher. Their salary is fixed at 1500/- per month. This year, the result set out is more worse than before. I came to know that there is proposal to add 10 (ten) grace marks to each of the candidates. Pu Speaker, I fell that it is a very undesirable thing.

Thank you.

Dr LALZAMA : Thank you, Hon'ble Speaker Sir, for sparing me time to speak. On this day, almost of us said about Education Department and gave importance to it. Regarding the salaries of teachers, I am sorry for it. But, the hon'ble Chief Minister said to the leaders of Teachers' Association that the matter will be considered later on. Let us hope thing will be worked out. As said by the hon'ble Members before, Education Department is concerning about human development. That is why, we should give importance to it. I feel that the Finance department too should give priority to it regarding the budget provision and filling up of vacant posts of teachers in all educational institutions like teachers, Headmasters and Principals. Because Education is compulsory for our State.

Education Department has 13516 staffs. In this connection, I feel that it is required to have two Directorates of Elementary and Secondary. We are now having more and more districts. I think that it is good to promote Sub-Divisional Education Officers to administer district education. I therefore, would like to request government to implement these suggestions.

Regarding alteration of the academic session of education, I feel that it is better to make alteration of the Session. I think it will be more convenient for parents

of students. Not only that, School exam result seemed to be better. I therefore, request the Hon'ble Minister to note down all these.

And demand No. 50 Transport Department. As we know, collection of Parking fee is newly introduced at Aizawl. All States of India introduced such parking fee. No one complains it. I feel that all of us will support collection of parking fee.

Regarding maintenance of MST Buses, we know that it is very expensive for Government. If so, it may be better to make proposal for abandoning some road for convenience of Private buses. I feel that it is good to run MST Buses only on Highways.

Lastly, Labour and Employment Department. It is very pleasing to reserve 3% Government service for handicapped persons as provided in the Constitution of India. I think that it will be very good to practice such provision in our own State and I request the Hon'ble Minister to implement this suggestion.

Thank you.

PU LALRINZUALA : Pu Speaker, we are now discussing important points regarding the budget provisions. But I am very sorry for the Hon'ble House Leader is absent from the House. I feel that nothing is more important than this budget Session.

S P E A K E R : In Parliament too, Prime Minister also used to be about absent from the House if the concerned Minister (interruption).

PU LALRINZUALA : Pu Speaker, I did not mean Parliament. Prime Minister does not look after Finance department. But our chief Minister looks after the Department. There were many things to be noted by him.

I will say about demand No. 22 Education Department. I would like to point out that Education department is not given priority. Education Department is one of the lasts among the priority list. This is proved by the provision for salaries of teachers. Leaders of Teachers' Association are worried about it and had personally request the Chief Minister to look into their problems. In fact, they were on the verge of tears when they met him. The Hon'ble Chief Minister however promised to look into their problems. While Vice Chairman of Planning said through local newspapers that the Education Department does not know the total amount of one year's salary of teachers, but salary figure was there when we enquired about it. As said before, this department is important for development of human resources, it seemed that bad result in examination and decrease in the literacy rate in our State is the direct result of in-adequacy of provision in the budget for salary of teachers.

And I also want to point out that, it seemed that this Government follows fault finding policy deploying task force of ACB to detect faults in Education. This causes bad result in examination. And we know that Additional Centre Assistance for the year 2000- 2001 is used for salary. This assistance is to be used for drinking, toilet and building purposes. I feel that it is not good to be used for other purposes. It is also said that 405 posts of teachers are lying vacant. But Government cannot fill them up while some recognized Schools have no teacher at all. Now, we have more than one lakh educated unemployed. They are disappointed with the Government as the Government is not providing them employment. I think we have much to do towards this. Pu Speaker, coming to transport Department. In my constituency, there is no MST Bus service due to rugged road communication. I request the Hon'ble Minister to take step in this regards.

PU C .THANGHLUNA

: Pu Speaker, first of all, transport Department. The Department sent out MST Buses to different directions for public service. What I want to point out is that the Department used to sent old aged buses to a far distance and the new ones at the short distance. The old aged buses required good servicing if they are to be sent to distance journey. I feel that the Department needs to have improvement step in this regards.

Secondly, Education Department. It is pleasing that 7 months salary for teachers is provided in the budget. But I am afraid that this will only instigate the teachers instead of concentrating on good teaching. In this connection, I do not think the Minister could be blamed. I feel that the Finance Minister is not giving priority to human resources development. He said that salary of teachers will be given from PMGY fund. If this is the case, the people of remote area will suffer as the fund under PMGY is meant for people of remote areas.

Thirdly, I want to say about Labour and Employment. Labour and Employment office is opened at Lawngtlai but no staff exists except a Chowkidar. In this connection, I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to open District Employment office there as it has become now a District Headquarter.

I would also like to know whether the Department takes steps towards job hunting outside Mizoram for our educated unemployed. Is it the duty of the Department to call for interview for posts which are lying vacant ? And is the Department provides wages for daily labourers ?

Fourthly, demand No. 51 Tourism, some of the trained persons were employed at Highway Restaurant, Tourists Lodge etc. They were employed on Muster Roll basis. I would like to ask the Government whether there is any way to press the Central Government for regularization of such staffs. And I would like to request the Government to have reconstruction of Tourists Lodge at Diltlang which was once cancelled by this Government.

In short, I request the Hon'ble Minister to note down what I said and take necessary action.

Thank you.

PU K.T. ROKHAW

: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will speak about Tourism Department. The receptionist and cooks under the Department were sent for training at Gauhati and employed them as on muster roll basis. Some of them had served for several years like 8,7,5,3 years each. They work day and night without break. But they are not regularised till date. I request the concerned Minister to take step to regularise them as soon as possible. And I also want to point out that Tourism Department has no Engineer of its own. I think that it is better to provide Engineer of its own so that we may have attractive Tourist Lodges in our State. And the contract work for Tourist Lodge is tendered from P.W.D. As such, complaint against contractor becomes meaningless for the Tourist Department as they are not authority concerned financially. I would like to request this Government to give importance to consider this matter.

In transport department, Government said that Aizawl to Bualpui MST service has been restored. But it is not right. Saiha to Bualpui MST Bus service is restored. And I would like to point out that MST Bus sent to Southern part of Mizoram is too old and poor. They need repair now and then on the way which causes a serious difficulty to the passengers. I therefore, request the Hon'ble Minister to note down the matter and take necessary action.

In Education Department, I am very surprised that the result of written test and personal interview has been withheld for two years, while such vacant posts were officiated by MNF voters. I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to clarify the matter.

The pensioner of Primary School Teachers have serious problem regarding their pension benefits because some of their service books and documents were not maintained properly. In this connection, I would like to request the Government to have consideration and give concession to such teachers.

Primary School Teachers and Middle School Teachers are to be promoted to the senior grade after rendering twelve years service as provided in the service rules. And they can also be promoted to selection grade after 24 years at service. But some teachers who have rendered 27 or 28 years of service are not yet promoted to selection grade. It is require to look into the matter by the Hon'ble Minister.

Shortly, this Government does not give Education Department priority. It is neglected and they have no salary to be drawn. I feel sorry even for the Minister in charge.

Thank you.

PU L.N. TLUANGA : Thank you, Hon'ble Speaker sir, I am not satisfied with answer to unstarred question No. 44 regarding the quantity of criminal case and civil case at Aizawl District Council Court. It is 3698 cases totally. It is too much comparing to the State population. And we do not accept vogue answer. Before a case is accepted by a Magistrate it cannot yet be categorized as a court case. Hence, I request that right answer be furnished in the House.

Pu Speaker, under demand No. 50, there is Road and Water Transport. It is learnt that Rs. 18,43,000/- during the year 1999-2000 and Rs. 26,28,000/- in 2000-2001 were the loss incurred by the Department. It is a surprise that MST Buses plying on good roads could lose whereas private buses could profit. I am saying this not to defame the Government but to encourage the Hon'ble Minister for effective improvement.

School Education under demand No. 22, it is 30 years since English Medium School has been opened in Mizoram. Number of English Medium School increased year by year and such School is regarded to be better and higher in status. If such is our mindset, it is better to encourage English Medium to all Schools from the lowest level. That is why, I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to take step in such direction.

And regarding deficit School, I feel that it is better to remove deficit School system in our State, for, it is expensive but not beneficial for teachers.

And it is said that 182 High School and Middle School have no Hindi Teacher when my starred question was answered. 25 Hindi Teacher were said to be given to non-Governmental Schools. I feel that it is not required to give the Hindi Teachers to those schools as they could afford by themselves. Eventually, I would like to suggest to abandone posting of Hindi Teachers to non-governmental organisation.

Thank you.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Thank you, Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I will speak demand No. 22, School Education in brief. The Minister submitted the demands. What I want to speak is what suggestions should be made. I am confused to say about my point for it is to begin from lack of money. There may be some suggestion but if no fund exists, it is meaningless.

No demand for teacher can be made for want of money. We know that 250 posts of Primary School Teachers were lying vacant. Government Middle School has 39 posts vacant, Government High School 39 and government Higher Secondary School has 69 posts vacant which were already created. And 150 Middle Schools have no Craft Teacher and 28 High Schools too have not Craft Teacher. And 161 High Schools of Government and Non-government have no Hindi Teachers. 31 Middle Schools have not Hindi Teachers. In order to fill up all these posts, only the concerned Minister will not do but the Finance Minister/ Chief Minister has to get involved to find a solution to such problem. And I would like to point out that salaries of Hindi Teacher is inadequate ? More fund is needed for this.

And I would like to say that there is great difference between Government Schools from one another as well as Government Middle School. Similarly, deficit Schools too have great difference. I feel that there should be no discrimination for every body has right to have education. Pu Speaker, I demand more fund to be provided for education. If so required, let the Government of Mizoram borrow it from any appropriate financial institutions.

We have no more MST Bus service. I feel that it is required to maintain such bus service.

And Tourism Department does not have work. Many buildings were constructed but not opened. That is why, I do not know how to give suggestion for this department.

Thank you.

PU J.LAWMZUALA

: Thank you, Hon'ble Speaker Sir, We are now discussing a very important demands made by the Hon'ble Ministers. I do support all the points raised by the Hon'ble Member. But I would like to confine in the demand for School education only. It is stated that Mizoram is regarded to be able to set up two tribal residential Schools. I came to know that it was proposed for poor students to have free education from Tribal Welfare Division, Minister of Tribal Affairs of India. It appears that it was proposed for the welfare of every section of Tribal people in different status of India. Rs. 2.5 crores was sanctioned for Mizoram during 1997-1998. It was noted that Rs. 1/- crores was allotted for Mizoram as an advance. It was further noted that Department of School Education tried to use it for one Society but the Central does not approve it. A Society headed by Deputy Commissioner Lunglei was formed having proper guide lines, which was registered and approved by the Central Government. The Society claimed Rs. 1/- crores for establishment of Tribal Residential School at Lunglei and submitted application to School Education Department on 8.6.1999 with an estimated amount. The letter should be referred to the Central but it was kept pending for years. The reason may be that it was misplaced. Eventually, Rs. one crore remained un-used till date. I feel that it is worthy for further enquiry. Actually, the society was a registered society approved by the Government. It may be believed that the fund is meant for one society only. I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to give more attention to it. What I want to say is that if Mizoram have two Tribal Residential Schools, one is supposed to be opened at Aizawl and the other is supposed to be at Lunglei. I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister whether such fund would be able to be given to such registered society. This society contacted different authorities at Aizawl and found that everything is not in proper order. I therefore, would like to know whether the Hon'ble Minister will be pleased to take step for setting up of Tribal Residential School.

A few days back, the Minister of School Education informed me that Rs.16 crores was sanctioned for the said Schools. He added that some private Schools too would be aided from this fund. Many Schools of my constituency too needed such fund and I requested him to remember my constituency. I do hope that such fund will help improve financial paucity of School Education. I feel that it is require to have cooperation from the lowest level of the people to the Chief Minister of Mizoram.

Thank you.

PU P.B.ROSANGA

: Pu Speaker, I would like to speak about Education Department. Members have spoken about it from different angles. As stated

before, it is desired that the Finance Minister gives statement in regards to School Education. It seems that School Education is not given much priority. His statement is generally simple. Amongst other things, the most surprising thing is that one years budget is not demanded by the Minister for salaries of teachers who were permanently employed in the Schools. It is provided only for seven months in aggregate. Perhaps it is due to paucity of fund in circulation in this department that the Department is neglected. If it has been a Department which has large fund to be circulated things may be different. As said before, it is human resource development Department having a close relation with the life of human beings. I feel that top priority is to be given to it. It hurts my mind if it is neglected because of shortage of fund to be circulated. Absence of Headmaster led to improper administration for the School, which caused bad result in the examination.

As said before, many Middle Schools and High Schools have no Headmaster. It is very suprising, is not it possible to settle this difficulties through service record or Recruitment Rules. I feel that working staffs too should take necessary action for such case.

Pu Speaker, I would like to speak a few lines on Tourism. I think tourism will serve a good industry for our State, The Central Government too is very generous for tourist Lodge. During 1999-2000 financial year, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India had issued sanction for construction of Tourist Lodge at Ngopa. But no Tourist Lodge is constructed there and the money is totally denied till date. I was informed that fund for development of Tourist Lodges was concentrated on Chaltlang Tourist Lodge. I do believe Pu Speaker, that sanction is received for many places.

Thank you.

PU C.SANGZUALA

: Thank you, Hon'ble Speaker sir, It seemed that all are speaking out of earnestness.

But some members spoke only the dark side. I will start from demand No. 22 School Education. I feel that I have seen a very transparency in this demand as it is provided without any hidden inadequacy. I do appreciate it as it display the facts and truth. School Education is spoken ill of by the Hon'ble Members which is undesirable to the staffs. We should consider our discussion will improve the prevailing condition. The investigation of ACB is said by some member. But I came to know that such investigation concerned the main office but not the teachers. Anyhow, I would like to request all the Hon'ble Members to have discussion on the demands parliamentarily in this august House. I do appreciate the Hon'ble Minister of School Education for he could still function with all the difficulties at various levels. The former Government employed a number of staffs and teachers without concentrating on the future problem.

When we visited Kerela and Karnataka we boasted our high literacy percentage. But when we returned home, we came to know that Mizoram occupies 2nd position. Whatever be the case, Education Department needs qualitative improvement.

Earnestly, I would like to ask whether this department can adopted a subject on preventive measures for drugs abuses as it is needed automatically in our daily life.

And there are some private High Schools which have not received grant in aid from Government. I feel that such High Schools should be supported with grant in aid to motivate them in time to come. And I feel that it is also required to give more attention to MBSE as it is autonomous body. It is required to look into its administration and posting of the President.

Coming to demand No. 51 Tourism, I would like to point out the progress of tourism with improved facilities besides regularization of Muster Roll employed under the Department as said by Pu H.Rammawi. I also hope that it would be a great benefit if the pension benefit is increased for the Members of the defunct District Council.

Demand No. 32 Labour and Employment Department. I am very happy to see the progress and development of Industrial Training Institute. And I feel that it is needed to take step for more employment of the educated unemployed youths. I want to say that it is necessary to show them ways and means in this regards.

In Transport Department, new progress is also seen in Transport Department as parking fee is collected by Government. I think this will prepare people mind for payment of taxes. And I would like to know whether the Central Workshop has self sufficiency in repairing works of Government vehicles. Whether the Government vehicles are checked up at Private Workshop ?

Thank you.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Thank you Hon'ble Speaker Sir. Whichever party formed any Government, it should keep efficiency. This Government does not seem to be efficient when seeing budget provision. The provision deferred from introductory speech of the Minister. It is difficult to know from where we would start discussion. And this House has commotion from the very beginning which proved the inefficiency of this Ministry.

Coming to demand No. 22 Education Department, it may be regarded as the foundation stone of our nationalism. The knowledge through our education is the wisdom of Mizo as an advanced countries. Fortunately, foreign missionaries run our education system in accordance with our culture, custom and climate. I think that the progress of literacy in our State is very high comparing to other States. We have the highest literacy rate in India during the period of Congress (I) Ministry. It is no doubt that we would be the most civilized people among the tribal people in India. But MNF Ministry shifted the academic of our education without consulting the people nor taking opinion of this august House. I feel that we are harming the interest of the public as well as our religion.

Next to this, I would like to point out that our education system has changed. No Department knows how to prepare budget at the beginning of Union Territory. But now, it is over thirty years since then, but Education Department still did not know how to prepare its budget for the coming year. No budget provision is made for Higher Secondary Schools while Rs.58 lakhs is provided last year. And no fund is provided for School inspection too. That is why, I feel that the future of education department is very dark. It appears that this ministry has broken all our educational system in this State. It is needed to review our policy in education carefully.

I think that the aims and objectives of Tourism Department is to attract as many tourists as we can to come to Mizoram in order to earn revenue through them. But in order to attract tourists, it is require to invest fund. But this Government did not like to invest fund for construction of lodges and quarters, nor does it want to maintain and repair buildings constructed. I feel that tourists coming to Mizoram should have a desire to come again in Mizoram with more friends.

There is Drivers' voluntary Retirement Scheme in the budget speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister. I feel that this is not required. There is a rule for voluntary retirement of Government servants. I think that there is something hidden behind the scheme.

The Government had encouraged privatisation, why does not it encourage privatization in Transport Department instead of running the Department on ever loss basis ? And Hon'ble Speaker sir, I am afraid that Government will be run as in the case of Aii Puk fencing.

Thank you.

PU F. LAL THANZUALA : Thank you, Hon'ble Speaker Sir. Education is the most important agent for Social mobility while it is the most neglected department by the Government which is clear from its budget provision. It is not enough to give importance and priority only by oral information. I feel that this Government is not sure about its priority. It appears that the Government do not know the way to uplift the state. All of us want to have achievement in education. Education received a cheap service for a long time. The provision reveals that no priority is given by the Government. If human resource development is not given priority our future will be very dark.

If we see the budget provision, the concerned department as well as the teachers are not pleased with it. If we take a wrong step for human resource development, all others will be affected. We like to have good schools and colleges as well as good quality of students. If so, we should revise our policy and system we adopted.

S P E A K E R : Your attention please. The list of business for today is almost finished. If we agree, after the Speech of Pu Lal Thanzuala we will have a tea break and have tea provided Education Department. After half an hour, we will start again the discussion. Now, you may continue your discussion, Pu Zuala.

PU F. LAL THANZUALA : Pu Speaker, we all know atrocities committed in various parts of India. Though a secular state, religious freedom has almost been trampled in some places of India. Being aware of all these, our missionaries clearly understood what could happen, hence they paid great importance to education. We too have to think carefully about our education system. We seemed to have been greatly influenced and inspired by the Central policy in Education.

I do not know whether we did the right thing in adopting CBSE course, but our academic session seems to disturb our students and parents as our most important period that is Christmas time seems to have been overlooked. As under present session, our children can no more pay importance to Christmas festival. Hence, it may be necessary to study what impact our new session has in our society and culture.

I would like to point out that Tourism Department is for earning State revenue. But, it seems that the Department is not given much importance. Staff are not properly equipped, there will not be progress.

And I want to point out that parking fee is collected by the Government through collectors on contract basis. I feel that parking fee should cover the people of all walks of life.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, we will have tea break and resume discussion at 4:30 p.m.

Recess at 4 : 00 P.M.

PU H. RAMMAWI

: Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the Hon'ble Members largely mentioned about School Education. I feel that it is required to examine

the matter carefully. What I want to point out is that the plan fund allotted to the School Education Department is more than the demand by Rs.13,11,25,000/- Pu Speaker, what I want to point out is that the Hon'ble Members regarded the Finance Department to be responsible for the said inadequate demand for School Education. In India Planning Commission makes allocation of fund Sector wise while Planning Department makes such allocation in the State. Anyhow, it is required to review the demand properly. It appears that only Finance Department or Planning Department is not responsible but the School Education Department may also be responsible. Pu Speaker, the reason why I want to speak is that we seemed to observed things from one side only which is not good. I feel that the Hon'ble Members should view things from both side of things. In fact, the importance of School Education is known by the Government. But the plan size of the Budget could not cover it at this time in the budget estimate. The budget is prepared under deficit. As such, it could not cover all of our needs. But we must remember that we had Rs.245,37,49,000.00 deficit in the budget estimate last year, but the Finance Department and Planning Department did their best, so we could have Rs.44/- crores of opening balance. If they could take step as they did last year, the deficit may be covered when the budget revise estimate is made. Let us presume that we would be able to draw salary throughout the year. I think inadequacy of teachers and Headmasters mentioned is genuine. But we should have budget estimate accurately.

We did not know enough about the importance of Labour and Employment Department. It is now run as a routine work only. This may have adverse effect on our State if nothing is done. Labour law should be properly formulated. There are many of our youths without employment while non-Mizo labourers are employed in plenty. I feel that it is require to make law for labour regulation. I think reformation is require from labour organization.

Now parking fee is collected for the first time, there may be complained from different angles which may also cause awarness for all. The complaint should be brought to the concerned Department so that it may contribute for important in the system.

Thank you.

PU SANGHMINGTHANGA H. PAUTU

: Thank you, Hon'ble Speaker Sir. The hon'ble Opposition Members had spoken earnestly about School Education and made suggestions.

I feel that we were influenced by saffronisation as the opposition leader had put on saffronised colour. It is clear that there are some difficulties in dealing with the School Education. But it is difficult to find out the victim like the story of Chemtatrawta. Anyhow, it is required to look back the administrative system and its budgetary provisions. This Ministry did not yet formulate policy and the policy of the former Ministry is being pursued. Being Planning Vice Chairman, I think I could justify the inadequacy of the figure.

Hon'ble Speaker sir, it seemed that the opposition Members shed Crocodile's tear for School Education. Because there is a written document in which the Hon'ble Chief Minister said that teachers will draw their salary throughout the year. If so, I feel that the teachers are not to be used for political advantage. The budget can not be forecast totally at one time. Revise Estimate is usually there every year. Such inadequate figure is always recover when revise estimate is made. And I would like to point out that any departments other than School Education also may have inadequate figure in the budget as our budget is not a surplus budget, it is always necessary to have revise estimate and supplementary demands. That is why the teachers should not worry about it and let us expect them to work satisfactorily.

Regarding Chairman/President of MBSE, the Hon'ble Members strongly opposed the present situation. It may be well to remembered that the Government can make any stop gap arrangement at any time. I feel that it is not to be regarded as a strange thing.

Regarding Tourism Department, I would like to point out that it is necessary to improve and uplift Tourism Department. I think many tourist would like to visit Mizoram as we are the most peaceful state in India. In my thought, if power is available, rope way is to be encourage in Mizoram through BOT system or the rich men of our State. I think that the total expenditure will be met after 15 years hence.

In Labour and Employment Department, I feel that it is necessary to have a good Labour cost / rate. It appears that the rate of labour is fixed by the Labourer themselves. Government of Mizoram should have rules for them. And I feel that no officer should show partiality in regards to employment. Employment news subscribed lecture halls be opened for more employment among the youths. Employment should not confined to our State only. We should seek the ways for more employment for the educated youths. I think no Ministry will employ all the educated youths. That is why, we should prepare such halls for further employment facility for the youths.

I also think that the name of Road Transport should be changed into Road Transport and Highway as called by the Central government.

Regarding education calendar, I feel that syllabus is the most important of all. If it will be better for all we should make attention. The present system seemed to be better for the poor. New admission done after Christmas and Happy new year usually added problem for the poor villagers.

Thank you.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Thank you Mr Speaker Sir. I will speak on various demands shortly. First of all, demand No. 4 Administration of Justice. The election manifesto stated about the separation of judiciary. I feel it is indeed necessary to examine the position of Administration of justice for immediate remedy.

Secondly, Muster Roll (M.R.) labourers are mentioned under demand No. 12 Secretariat Administration Department and Tourism demand No. 51. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to regularize such Muster Roll labourers. I also want to request the Hon'ble Minister of Parliamentary Affairs to clear pension benefits of the Members of the defunct District Councils.

Thirdly, Labour and Employment Department most of the educated youths are really desperate due to unemployment problem in the State. This problem creates another acute problems such as drug abuse and drinking habits. Which further caused various difficulties to their family, we have so far 139 deaths due to drug abuse. That is why, I feel that Government should give more importance to finding a new pattern of employment facilities for the youths.

And under Road and Water Transport, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to make concession on road and water transport and air transport for students and handicapped as it is very relieving for the poor and handicapped.

It appears that Lathers machine and gold tread Machine were planted at the Central Workshop at Melthum. But it is noted that it does not function till date. It seemed that such machines used to get damaged easily if it is not used. If so, I think it is better to dispose it of on hire purchase or be it allotted to private firm on monthly or annual rented basis. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to look for ways and means for such purpose.

Now demand No. 22 School Education. As said before, let us not use teachers problem as a matter of a political game. Truly speaking, no member will do use teachers as a political game. That is my thought. But their problem makes us speak as if they are. They had a serious problem on ground of salary last year. Yet, no fund is provided for salary of teachers in the budget book now and the association of teacher brought their problems to the hon'ble Chief Minister. And the response of the hon'ble Chief Minister was too good to be believe. Although, we have confidence in our Chief Minister, but the budget provision for salary of teachers is unsatisfactory as so does the provision for the Members of this House.

In this connection, I would like to point out that the United State of America, the most advanced State in the world provided 40% of budget for human resource development. I therefore, earnestly request the Hon'ble Chief Minister to renew the said budget provision.

Regarding Mizoram Board of School Education, as it is an autonomous body and they prepared their own budget in consultation with the Secretariat. But such power is no more there. I would like to request that making of their provision be handled over to the Board. And the President of Mizoram Board of School Education is to be appointed from retired persons only, which is not good as no chance is made for MBSE senior officers. I, therefore, request the hon'ble Minister to amend such practices.

Thank you.

PU LALCHAMLIANA
MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the opposition leader said the teachers are likely to have no salary for the coming year. But it seemed that financial deficit is usually there at the time of revise estimate. He added that priority is given to human resources development in USA. We also came to know that primary School level is privatized in USA. We know the expensiveness of Education in USA. What did he meant by all these ?

S P E A K E R : Any Member who still want to speak ? If not so, we will call upon Pu F.Malsawma to wind up his demand No.4, 12,22 and 51 respectively and, to request the House to pass the bill.

PU F.MALSAWMA
MINISTER : Thank you Hon'ble Speaker sir, It is very pleasing to know that all the hon'ble Members had spoken in favour of increasing budget provision for School Education. I am glad that members understand me with all my shortfalls. What they said are all the life line of our State.

First of all, I would like to point out Tourism, demand No. 51. Pu Zakhu Hlychho had pointed out the difference of Budget figure. It is true, but it is a printing mistake. The true figure is Rs.2,26,24,000/-. It is pleasing to inform the House that Tourism is now an NEC programme, under which proposal for construction of robe-way will be included. And Rs.27,62,428/- is collected last year as a state revenue. In many places, there are several buildings not yet opened for want of furnishing, water and electricity etc. There are some buildings not yet handled over to Tourism from the contractors too. About Rs.5 lakhs worth of water supply scheme is under operated at Tawipui and Darzo. And we also want to regularize Muster Roll workers because there are some tourist lodges which could not be run for want of muster roll workers.

And I would also like to inform the House that we had 26984 visitors from abroad during 2000 to 2001. Of which 26716 are Indians. Now, 100 tourists are expected to visit Mizoram from Australia. We had avoided some tourists for want of accommodation. The Central Government too advised us to increase the facilities, and we are not also abandoning area wise development. Knowing its necessity, the department too had formulated guide lines. But as it is central fund we could not carry out the works as we wish. Now, there are many works left incomplete for a long time. The officers implored the Central Government before the end of this financial year, so some amount was given to us. We have also proposal for construction of recreational facilities to attract tourists, cooperating with other departments. The hon'ble Chief Minister, Industry Minister, Local Administration Department and Revenue Ministers too visited Pi Hauvi's Lunglen Tlang and Beraw Tlang to study feasibility for construction of such recreational centre. And financial position is being studied in order to provide fund for maintenance of Tourist Lodge, Tlabung.

Regarding Law and Judicial, separation of judiciary is provided in the Election Manifesto. A prompt action is taken by the Cabinet for this purpose.

And it is said that pending court case is too much. The reason is prosecution. The Prosecution officers are usually transferred from one to another post. That caused the number of pending cases at the court. Now Law Department has proposed to have separate directorate for Prosecution Branch as noted down by the hon'ble Chief Minister.

I would also like to inform the House that this Government employs an Advocate for the poor people. In this regards, notice was given through Publicity sign board, and booklet was issued for public information. We should remember that the poor people can employ Advocate without payment to safeguard his/her rights. And we are going to strengthen judiciary in each district we have many sites now for judicial court, but few districts are left without selected site. And the blue print for High Court Building is now ready and it has sent to the Chief Justice of High Court for approval.

The demands for Education is higher than it was last year. It is 13% of over all budget estimate while it was 11% last year. It is 16% in non- plan. The plan fund is re-cashable. That is why, the Planning department too informed as to inform them if inadequacy of fund is acute. That is the result of this session.

Hon'ble Speaker sir, we know that the inadequacy of teacher in the far flung villages. Muster Roll Teachers and officiating teachers are employed for such posts. But such teachers can no more be employed by the Government. Anyhow we reported the matters to the hon'ble Chief Minister. Let us hope solution will be there as effort is being made to solve the problem. Some remedial measures were taken last week and last months. Therefore, we expected that these vacant posts will be filled up by the month of May. If it can be done within May, we will fill up such vacant posts in the far flung villages. Even if we could not include the vacant posts in Aizawl.

We are formulating guide lines for strengthening teachers in each school. Cabinet too had passed it. But as it is under concurrent list, it was sent to the Central Government. If it is approved, we expect to introduce it in the House in the next Session.

Education Department has the biggest number of government servants contributing 26% of total Government servants. The budget too seemed to be very high. 98% of the non plan fund is used for salaries of the staffs. And Mauzam village and Kawnpui chhuah will be given teachers in the coming year. But some villages were vacated by the people migrating to other places. Anyhow, we will take step for those villages.

As the department is too big, it appears that it is required to separate into two directorates of Elementary and Secondary. The hon'ble Chief Minister too has the same idea. But as there is going to be huge financial involvement we may have problem.

Pu Speaker, we asked the Central Government for non-lapseable pool fund for Elementary education and we were granted 21 crores of rupees. Half of it was received and the second instalment is being awaited. Not only that, but we are also granted Rs.66 crores. Of which Rs.12 crores is to be received in early future. We expected to use the fund for rebuilding and repairing fallen buildings of Private High Schools. And we are to receive Rs.100 lakhs from SSA, Rs.11 crores from PMGY and Rs.200 lakhs from 11th Finance Commission for Elementary Schools. Accordingly, we expect that we may meet the general requirement of education in the coming year.

Regarding School Session, we did not copy the Central pattern, but we had view of the rest of the world along with the problem faced by the poor people in our State. We mean for betterment of the people. In literacy, we are I think the first as the National Sample survey. They recorded only from families who have residential houses. By census record, all population is counted. If we are to base on census, the population of Mizoram increased by 29% while Kerela contributed 9% only. Now, Lawngtlai contributed only 6% in literacy. We feel that it is require to take step for upliftment of literacy in Lawngtlai district through Adult Education or by other mean.

Regarding Residential School, this Ministry recognized STREIN and constructed the approach roads too. The Education Department is selected for its Executing Agency by the hon'ble Chief Minister's Decision. While a representative of welfare Ministry came to Mizoram and make proposal to follow guide lines proctised in Andra Pradesh State. Accordingly the name RITCH was altered as Society for Tribal Residential Education. Institution of Mizoram (STREIM). It was established and promoted by the then wife of Prof. Lalnghaka and her sons by constituting the Board for it. While, Message was received to hand over to Lunglei Residential School. But after enquiring the matter, we have two Residential Schools in a state as provided in the constitution. That is the present position.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, the matter was noticed by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India so as to hand over to Lunglei.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, after the said information, the
MINISTER hon'ble concerned Minister informed us not to hand over to Lunglei Residential School.

And Rs.2,00,00,000/- was to be handed over to each School. Aizawl Residential School (STREIM) received the amount while Lunglei did not yet receive the same. This is the fact.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : If so, hon'ble Speaker sir, are we not entitled to have such Residential School there at Lunglei ?

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, no-one takes initiative about
MINISTER the matter. That is why it is not appropriate to ask them.

PU NIRUAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, may the hon'ble Minister give
information to the House regarding the medium of instruction. Whether the Mizo medium will be changed into English medium ?

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, it will not be changed now.
MINISTER It will be enquired the strength of teacher and training will be necessary for those teachers. English and Computer will be introduced from class I level. But instruction may not be given by the English teachers, this will be examined. While English medium was introduced within Chakma and Mara district council, some difficulties arised in the beginning but now they are improved day by day. And I would like to inform the House that Parents Teacher Association was to be set up in all Schools for betterment of school. I would like to request the hon'ble Members to give attention to it. It is proposed for checking wayward teachers and bogus teachers. The said association be given a high power for betterment of administration.

And I want to inform you that the bill for Ex-MDC pension is not yet readied now for submission to the House. But importance is given to it.

Is there any other questions left out for clarification ?

PU LALRINZUALA : Pu Speaker, regarding the Residential School sanctioning letter was received on 14th January. After that, the sanctioning letter was received again on March 10 last year. But it was diverted to Aizawl. Will the hon'ble Minister be pleased to substantiate about it ?

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, Government of Mizoram notified it through Gazette. The Cabinet Sub-Committee and Governor of Mizoram also accepted it. We could not make alteration to it in our own will.

PU J.LAWMZUALA : Pu Speaker, the hon'ble Minister said that he received oral instruction from public and is not clear about it. But the sanctioning letter no. was 140/30/99(CDR) of 10.3.2000 for Lunglei Society. That is the fact.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I too, received oral information. There may be a demand from other agency without steps taken by education department. It was recognized by the Government and notified it through Gazette. That is why, we cannot do it in our own will. The Lunglei Society came to me a few days ago. I, too, favours them and I take up their problem by written and verbal. That should be remembered by the Hon'ble Members.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I request the House to pass my demands amounting to Rs.1,53,89,19,000/- of Tourism, School Education, Secretariat Administration Department and Administration of justice.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu F.Malsawma requested the House to pass his demands (The demands was voted and pass.)

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PU F.MALSAWMA : Thank you, Hon'ble Speaker Sir.

S P E A K E R : Now, we will call upon Pu K.Sangthuama to wind up his demands and to request the House to pass it.

PU K.SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, I will start from Demand no. 32 Labour and Employment. The Hon'ble Members earnestly spoken about inadequacy of Labour and Employment as the post of Joint Director and some other posts are lying vacant. The District Employment Exchange was opened at Champhai a few days back. I feel that it is good to open District Employment Exchange office at each of other District Headquarters. We are now preparing to extend and enlarge and improve it in the whole of Mizoram.

The function of such Department is to guide the unemployed youths in different works. But we cannot function properly as in the Central Government. I think we will be needing to help from different angles among the Members of the House to function properly. Now, we are going to set up Industrial Training Institute (ITI) at Lunglei and Saiha respectively. The foundation stone was laid down at Lunglei. The Central Government too had given us permission for this. The Central Government will also give us maintenance of ITI Aizawl.

Regarding Transport Department, there is much complaint from different angles. But we cannot live without it. As it stands for public service, we used to run on loss basis. There are many reasons to go on loss basis. The fare is lower than private vehicles. Concessional rate is made for career patients, old aged about 65 years of age and handicapped. In some cases, they are free or given half concession. That is why it is necessary for members to understand our position. Besides all these, the vehicles are very old. We cannot use only the new ones. Many of them needs repairing now and then. Now the bodies of seven buses are under construction. After finishing construction, we expect that a new buses would be provided for service to Saiha direct road.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA : Hon'ble Speaker sir, Tlabung MST bus service is not spoken. It does not service till date.

PU K.SANGTHUAMA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker sir, that is right. But the passengers from station as well as wayside passengers are too few. If there are more passenger, we may sent MST bus service at any time there. That is the reason.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, no MST bus service is there for Tuipuibari of my constituency. What is the reason ?

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, private bus is servicing between Lunglei and Tlabung. Pu Speaker, it seemed that it does not ply regularly there.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the MST bus was ran there but there was no profit we could not service with a lot of sure loss. I do hope for your understanding.

During 2000, we earned Rs. 264,64,352/- from MVI wing but we run on loss. Because the rate of passenger carrying charge is too low. When we collected Rs.257/- for Shillong, private bus collected Rs. 370/- from passenger. But it is service for public. We should therefore have understanding.

Pu Speaker, I therefore request this august House to pass my demands Rs. 16,75,72,000/- of Labour and Employment and, Road and Water Transport.

S P E A K E R : Pu K.Sangthuama has requested the House to pass his demands of Rs. 16,75,72,000/-. Do we agree it ? (the demand is voted and passed).

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Thank you, Hon'ble Speaker Sir.
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S P E A K E R : The day after tomorrow is Good Friday we will
take a rest tomorrow and on Good Friday and
resume the work at 10:30 A.M. on Monday the
16th April, 2001.

Meeting adjourned 6:15 P.M.